

YouthLink Letter to Parents The Grade 6 YouthLink School Program Field Trip

Grade 6 classes from your child's school will be visiting the **YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre** in the coming weeks as part of their studies in the grade 6 Evidence and Investigation Unit.

YouthLink Calgary is an independent charitable organization that operates in partnership with the **Calgary Police Service** to deliver relevant and meaningful content to youth. Our mission is to empower grade 6 youth to make confident and positive choices surrounding some of the greatest challenges they face – namely healthy relationships, gangs, online safety, bullying and substance abuse. Our goal is to impart tools, strategies and resources through experiential learning exhibits, interactive and engaging digital resources, and facilitated curriculum-based programming.

As part of the Grade 6 YouthLink School Program, on the **1-day field trip** your child will have the opportunity to participate in 2 program elements: our "Forensic Files" and "Safe for Life" Programs.

Forensic Files

Students will be presented a simulated crime upon arrival. This crime will challenge their investigative skills and using the evidence found at a crime scene, they will be able to uncover the truth. This crime, at the centre of their learning, is a simulated crime based on real events. Prior to the field trip, students will have completed several lessons in which they will learn how to solve crimes by investigating various forms of forensic evidence. At our Centre, students will use our innovative crime labs to interpret evidence, analyze suspects and solve the crime.

Safe for Life

The Safe for Life program empowers youth to make better, smarter and more informed life choices, and gives them straight facts on challenging topics. The following are core themes that will be discussed during the program:

- Drugs and Substance Abuse
- Healthy Relationships and Bullying
- Gangs or Organized Crime Groups
- Online Safety

Students will also learn about seeking help and support from safe, trusted adults, and local community resources. Our goal is to provide students with the knowledge and tools to make confident and positive life choices, thus preventing crime.

If you would like to learn more about our organization please feel free to visit our website at www.youthlinkcalgary.com. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our programs, please contact our Customer Service Specialist, Breanna Shorter, at **403-428-4530** or at youthlinkschoolprograms@calgarypolice.ca.

Best regards,



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